## **PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

## **DOCKETING DEPARTMENT**

## **NOTICE OF FILING**

## **DOCKET NO. 2008-297-E**

Joint Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Broad River Electric Cooperative, Inc. for Reassignment of Service Areas in Spartanburg County.

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("Duke Energy Carolinas") and Broad River Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Broad River") (together "Joint Applicants"), pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Sections 58-27-650, 58-27-660, 26 S.C. Regs. 103-823 and 103-830 (Supp. 2007), and other applicable rules and regulations, have filed with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") a Joint Application for approval to reassign certain service areas in Spartanburg County.

The Joint Application reveals that Duke Energy Carolinas is a public utility organized and existing as a limited liability company under the laws of the State of North Carolina and domesticated in the State of South Carolina. Duke Energy Carolinas is engaged in the business of developing, generating, transmitting, distributing, and selling electric power and energy to the general public within the State of South Carolina. Broad River is an electric cooperative organized pursuant to the Rural Electric Cooperative Act, Title 33, Chapter 49 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina for the purposes of transmitting, distributing, and selling electric power and energy in its assigned service territory in South Carolina.

Both Duke Energy Carolinas and Broad River have been granted assigned territories by the Commission to provide service in Spartanburg County, South Carolina, pursuant to the Territorial Assignment Act. S.C.Code Ann. § 58-27-610 et seq. The Joint Applicants request that the Commission approve the following reassignment of service areas: The service area located in Westchester located at New Cut Road in Spartanburg County that is assigned to Duke Energy Carolinas would be reassigned to Broad River; and the service area located in Ashlan Village located in Lyman, South Carolina that is assigned to Broad River would be reassigned to Duke Energy Carolinas. Duke Energy Carolinas and Broad River entered into a Service area Reassignment Agreement on July 17, 2008, ("Agreement") to reassign their rights and obligations to provide electric service in Ashlan Village and Westchester. According to the Application, Duke Energy Carolinas and Broad River have no existing customers in these service areas

A copy of the Joint Application can be obtained from the Commission at the following address: Public Service Commission of South Carolina, Docketing Department, 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210. Additionally, the Joint Application is available on the Commission's website at <a href="https://www.psc.sc.gov">www.psc.sc.gov</a> and is available from Catherine E. Heigel, Esquire, Duke Energy Corporation, Post Office Box 1006 (EC03T), Charlotte, North Carolina 28201-1006 and Trent N. Pruett, Esquire, Pruett Law Firm, 202 North Petty Street, Gaffney, South Carolina 29840.

A public hearing, if scheduled, will be held in Columbia, South Carolina in the offices of the Commission at the above address, for the purpose of receiving testimony and other evidence from all interested parties regarding this Joint Application. The time and date of this hearing will be furnished to all interested parties at a later date.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter, as a party of record with the right of cross-examination should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **September 11, 2008**, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please include an email address for receipt of future Commission correspondence in the Petition to Intervene. *Please refer to Docket No. 2008-297-E.* 

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing, if scheduled, should notify the Docketing Department in writing at the address below, the Office of Regulatory Staff, at 1441 Main Street, Suite 300, Columbia, South Carolina 29201; Catherine E. Heigel, Esquire and Trent N. Pruett, Esquire at the above addresses, on or before **September 11, 2008**, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. *Please refer to Docket No. 2008-297-E.* 

Any person, who wishes to be notified of the hearing, but does not wish to present testimony or be a party of record, may do so by notifying the Docketing Department, in writing, at the address below on or before **September 11, 2008**. *Please refer to Docket No. 2008-297-E*.

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**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:** Any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding <u>MUST</u> present such comments, in person, to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5100.

Public Service Commission of South Carolina Attn: Docketing Department Post Office Drawer 11649 Columbia, South Carolina 29211

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